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HELLO AGAIN!

KEEPING THE NOISE DOWN!



Bob Probst

A PERSONAL MESSAGE: The cover was contributed by Bob Proctor and put on the stencil by my son, Jeff. I hope all of you are bearing through the smudges, fades, etc. I am trying different paper this time...Many of you are sending me a SASE if you want specific questions answered. This is very much appreciated...Many of you write to me for addresses of people mentioned in Hello Again. Most of the time they are either mentioned in an earlier section or in a previous issue.

CONVENTION: The 5th annual convention of the Society of Vintage-Radio Enthusiasts (SAVE) was held October 4th at the Sheraton Park Plaza in New Haven. 75 people attended. Special guests who received the William Spier award were Staats Cotsworth, Anne Elstner, Rosa Rio and Irene Wicker. Other guests included Raymond Edward Johnson, Josephine Hutchinson, Lee Stanley and Will Jordan who emceed the banquet and entertained us with his imitations and anecdotes. All the guests spoke at the banquet. The entire proceedings including the afternoon panel discussion (3 1/2 hours) can be gotten from Sal Trapani, Box 377, Seymour, CT 06483. Send 2 1800' tapes--one for your copy and one for SAVE...Among the collectors attending, many with spouses, children and friends, were L Palmer, C Stumpf, J Smith, J Schlamp, E Corcoran, S Weiss, G Dudash, J O'Neal, R Miller, A Richter, R Kelting, H Wrightington, P Groy, H Carlin, D Roycraft, B and C Witte, W Naigh, B Smerekanicz, H Wardowsky.

DATES AND TITLES: "Snow White" with Jane Powell and Orsen Welles as host is not MERCURY SUMMER THEATER but THIS IS MY BEST sponsored by Cresta Blanca, 1943...Please let me know if you have the correct dates for following Benny: gang has a fake seance...cast sees Wonderman starring Danny Kaye...Jack buys wallet for Don...Tony Curtiss in All-American (original date)...Jack wants to do Horn Plows at midnight on TV; Jack Warner...Jack constantly gets phone calls from eloping girl...Jack goes shopping for a G-string...Jack reads "The Secrets of a Psychiatrist"...Stanley Kramer; "High Noon"...After call from an all night disc jockey, Jack meets characters on 4:30 walk... Jack's director discusses script for TV show "Mean old Man"...Sponsor takes out million dollar policy...Jack recuperating from nose operation...cast performs "All Hands on Deck"...Also, if you know the years these TV shows were on please let me know: ADV. OF JIM BOWIE...with Scott Forbes...BREAKING POINT with P Richards...BUFFALO BILL JR with Dick Jones...BLACK SADDLE with P Breck.

IN FOND MEMORY: John McGiver, 62, Sep 10; His last TV appearance was probably MCCOY which I am watching now (Oct 5, 1975). His TV credits include MANY HAPPY RETURNS 1964-65; MR. TERRIFIC 1967-68; Jimas STEWART SHOW 1971-72...Hal Peary wrote me of the sad news that Walter Tetley died at the age of 60 on Sep 4th. His radio credits include THE CHILDREN'S HOUR, BUCK ROGERS, PHIL HARRIS, FRED ALLEN, LET'S PRETEND and of course was Leroy on THE GREAT GILDERSLEEVE... Mack Shopnick, 69, July 18; musician and conductor; conducted orchestras for Bert Parks, Jack Paar, Cliff Edwards, Fred Allen, Kate Smith on radio and many TV shows...Bob Considine, 68, Sep 25; journalist, correspondent, author, announcer on Fred Waring, news and sports broadcaster...Hal Stark, 61, Aug 21; veteran of radio in the Chicago area on WGN and WBBM...Norris West (Davidson), 69, Sep 11; produced and narrated CBS' Philadelphia Orchestra concerts from 1931-57 over WCAU. He was gifted with an elegant, resonant voice



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TRIBUTE TO VINCENT LOPEZ by Charles Stumpf

Vincent Lopez, famed band leader, died at the age of 80 on Sep 20th, 1975. Born in Brooklyn of Portuguese ancestry, he was the son of a former Navy bandmaster. Vincent became a bandleader in 1916 while playing in an orchestra at the Pekin Rest. on Times Square, filling in when the leader didn't show up one day. He brought about a radio first in 1921 by conducting his orchestra on station WJZ for the first remote pickup from the Pennsylvania Grill. His theme "Nola" was written by Felix Arndt in 1922. Emerging from the Lopez band were future leaders G Miller, A Shaw, C Spivak and X Cugat. He was also instrumental in furthering the musical careers of singers Betty Hutton, changed from Betty Darling, and Abbe Lane. Lopez had a great interest in numerology and his predictions were frequently printed in newspapers. In 1961 he wrote a book NUMEROLOGY published by Citadel Press. It is believed Lopez started the radio "give-away" craze back in 1921 when he offered a free photo of himself to fans who wrote in.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY by Allen Rockford Oct 1975. Primarily for listeners of central New York State but excellent reading by anyone; \$2.50 a year; monthly...Nostalgia Newsletter by Chuck Schaden; Oct 1975. Another listening orientated newsletter, Chicago area. WXFM and WNIB are now handling most of Chuck's radio shows. \$6.00 a year; monthly...Radio Historian, 4912 N Idlewild A, Milwaukee, Wisc 53217; \$5.00 a year; quarterly; highlights of fall issue: articles on 8-track and old time radio; using your tape counter; Ozzie Nelson; Frank Nunn.

BOOKS AND CLUBS: Steve Hofer picked up a book THE LONE RANGER #1 by Fran Striker; Pinnacle Books, 275 Madison A, NY 10016; 1975... Peter Greco, 24 Camp Pulaski Rd, Budd Lake, NJ 07828 (201) 347-7953. Peter is interested in forming a radio club in the northern New Jersey area, especially Essex, Morris and Warren counties. Contact Peter is interested. Peter is also looking for QUICK AS A FLASH (I have never seen one listed)...

SPECIAL TOPIC: Here is a list of all books written from 1974-1975 that I know of related to old time radio, TV, etc. Following issues will have earlier years... 1975: "The Son That Rose in the West," by Jim Bannon; Devil's Hole Printery, Plano Tex 75074; \$5.00... "This Was Radio" by Joseph Julien; Viking Press, 625 Madison A, NY 10022; \$8.95... 1974: "Wonderful World of TV Soap Operas" by Robert Laguardia; Ballantine Bks, 201 E 50th St, NY 10022; \$1.50... "Arkansas Airwaves" by Ray Poindexter; North Little Rock, Ark..... SPECIAL TOPIC next month will be a listing of the type of equipment used by you. Send in the following: 1. Number of recorders actively used in trading (this listing is for those who actively trade or sell, not for those with just one recorder who just listen) 2. types of recorders used (reel recorder, reel decks, cassette, cartridge, wire, etc) 3. Make and model of all recorders used 4. other equipment used to improve quality...EXAMPLE: I use 2 reel decks, both Realistic 999B, no special equipment...The results will be in the next issue in the form of a survey. Please write.

CATALOGS: Alex McFee, Box 1105, Banning, Cal 92220; 265 reels; many TV and film soundtracks and BOB AND RAY WOR 1973 shows. Also 6 reels of Arthur Godfrey 1971-72; early TV shows; almost complete run of SUPERMAN TV shows; AM LOOKING FOR most serials and westerns and Gene Austin, Paul Gibson and Two Ton Baker. also BOB AND RAY TV soundtracks (I have never seen any)...Alex's catalog very well put together with many pictures.....Dr. Steve Moteno, 102 Park S, Santurce

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Puerto Rico 00911 #3305-3472; several new 1942 COLUMBIA WORKSHOP, MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER, QUIET PLEASE, FAT MAN, GANGBUSTERS, MR. KEENE... Adam Richter, 221 White Meadow Rd, Rockaway, NJ 07866; 156 reels; 150 SHADOW

LOGS: Jerry Chapman, 900 Elmwood, Wilmette, Ill 60091 is writing a listing of circulation serials including soap operas and juvenile adventure. He is in need of certain plot descriptions including JUNGLE JIM, CHANDU, many soaps. Will pay one cent for each plot he needs. ..Jerry would also like to know if anyone has a new string of JACK ARMSTRONG rumored to be around.

PERSONALITIES: Raymond Edward Johnson was the subject of an excellent article in the New Haven Register on Sep 29th. He recalls his days in radio. I would be very happy to send anyone a copy of the article for a SASE...Lee Stanley, one of the guests at the convention, has been very active in radio, TV, and movies, recently in "Ice Station Zebra" as Lt. Mitgang. Lee would like copies of QUICK AS A FLASH, JACK KIRKWOOD, HOUSE OF MYSTERY, JUDY CANOVA, FIVE STAR FINAL. Also episodes; "Elementals," an ESCAPE SHOW "Sredni Vastar" (I can't find this in Roy Bright's log), "The Creeper" from MOLLE MYSTERY THEATER, "Black Art" from INNER SANCTUM. Lee has many radio tickets for the early shows...Write to Lee at 1130 Van Buren St, Uniondale, NY 11553 ...Will Jordan, 435 W 57th St, NY 10019 is doing much research on mimics and would like any information about mimics on radio...Rosa Rio would like to know the whereabouts of 2 organists: Elsie Thompson (she married a Mr. Boyd and lived in Baldwin, Long Island) and Harriet Kammerin who lived in Florida. Write to me if you know and I will give you her address...Bernard Katz who did the music for many radio shows is looking for a program he did called "The Storm" in which Burgess Meredith did the narration. It was in the 1940's and he used a 55-piece orchestra. If you have information about it please write Jerry Perchesky, Box 444, Watsonville, Cal 95076.

THE TAPE DECK: Ray Gurick, 462 N Broadway, Gloucester, NJ 08030 has 200 reels and wonders how collectors with many more reels find the space to store them. Also, how important is it to run reels thru the machine periodically. With hundreds of reels this is almost impossible. Ray has reels from 1965 which still sound fine...Ken Neal, Box 911, Wash, DC 20044 is interested in forming a Co-op to buy and transfer to tape many of the Radio Show LPs that are around. Write Ken if you are interested...Roger Smith, 5458 S Oakridge Dr, Beaverton, Mich 48612 has a Sony TC-252 that seems to be dubbing slow at times; it starts slowing down at different times, often mid-reel. Sometimes it will stop. Write Roger if you can help him. Roger is also still looking for JACK SMITH, DANNY KAYE, DICK HAYMES, EDDIE BRACKEN...If you are interested in a tone stepper which will increase the treble range by 20 DB write A W Bray, 1831 Central A, Windsor, Ontario Canada N8W 4H6. It can be built for about \$5.00.

NEW ADDRESSES: Harley Billings, 2802 N 35th Pl, Phoenix, Ariz 85008...Glenn Hoadale, 3017 Mesa Verde Dr, El Paso, Tex 79904...Steve Defer, 12 Ogee Tr, Brockport, NY 14420. Steve heard the Liberty Bell was rung softly on June 6th, 1944 and it was broadcast. He would like a copy. Steve recently produced a documentary on the prisoner of war camp that was in Bowling Green, Ohio from 1945-46. There were over 100 camps at that time. Why not make a documentary yourself.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Bob Ellsworth, 3 Violette Pl, Woodstock, NY 12498...John Smith, 124 Depew A, Buffalo, NY 14214. John wants HENRY MORGAN 1964-47, and any B Goodman from 1936-Feb 1938, and VIC AND SADE...Phillip Harney, 6 Fairfield A, Danbury, Ct 06810...

Bill Imig, 1700 Broadway #2017, Denver, Col 80202. Bill has about 200 shows, many of which he recorded himself in 1959...Richard Grusell, 23 Oak Cir, Holden, Ma 01520...Steve Wolf, 1955 E 7th St, Brooklyn, NY 11223; Steve is looking for any shows which any of the Marx Bros. were in such as THE CIRCLE, FLYWHEEL, SHYSTER AND FLYWHEEL, THE KELLOGG SHOW, and many others. Also shows in which they were guests and movie promotional shows of any of their films. (The only show I know of is a 1938 recording of a program sponsored by Hotchkiss Packing Co in which Chico and Groucho are Hollywood agents. I introduced this show to traders in April of 1970) Steve is also looking for the addresses of Lillian Roth, Allan Jones, Maureen O'Sullivan, Kay Francis, George Fenneman. Steve has access to autographs, out of print records and books and back dated magazines. Write Steve if you want anything...

Old Friends: Jerry Chapman, 348 W Neptune, NIU Dekalb, Ill 60115 is looking for the person who has 100 episodes on disc of new SUPERMAN series. Also the address of Marty Halperin. Jerry is now renting cassettes. Send for a list including a SASE. Does anyone know anything about a newsletter put out by Bob Burnham called NEWS AND REVIEWS about old time radio...One of the flyers is from Rod Dyke who is selling the new Captain Midnight shows. He will also trade for the shows. Rod has about 150 transcriptions, 50 radio magazines. Rod wants 16mm films of any kind...I mentioned Allan Rockford and Chuck Schaden under periodicals received: addresses: A R, 505 Seeley Rd, Syracuse, NY 13224...C S, 8939 N Marion A, Morton Grove, Ill 60053...Morgan Tiel, 71 McKinley A, Dumont, NJ 07628 is looking for programs with B Karloff and P Lorre, INNER SANCTUM and LIGHTS OUT; also MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER, WITCH'S TALE, HERMIT'S CAVE, SHERLOCK HOLMES with Rathbone and Bruce; also FU MANCHU especially COLLIER HOUR and GUNSMOKE; Will buy them...Has anyone heard of a show called PEGGY'S DOCTOR presented by Blue Coal with Ernest Whitman, Wilma Walter, Allan Josslyn, Ethel Blum and others...Larry Rao is offering radio programs for sale on cassette. Write at 416 E 8th S, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Larry has about 2000 cassettes and will sell his catalog for \$1.00 and the C-60 cassettes for \$4.25...John Edwards, 24 Greenbriar Rd, Aurora, Ill 60538 is looking for BOB RAY shows currently being broadcast from WOR in New York...Franky Belcour, 121 Day S, Auburndale, Ma 02166 is looking for material by Dorothy Lamour and Connie Francis...Jerry Perchesky is looking for any material by the Marx Bros except YOU BET YOUR LIFE...Sweden celebrated the 50th birthday of the Swedish Broadcasting Corp with a stamp in 1974 picturing THE CHILDREN'S LETTERBOX which was on from 1925-1972 with the same program leader, Sven Jerring...James Weber, 445 Good Hope S, Norco, La 70079 is looking for QUIET PLEASE...Bill Blalock, 609 Blue S, Richland, Wa 99352 can play warped discs so if you want to transfer something to tape write him...I received a letter from a Tenn. reader who is looking for a particular GANGBUSTERS broadcast 1938 or a little later about the Killer McGig Case. G Walter Hill the sheriff and his wife captured some murderers in Cumberland County, Tenn. Write me if you have the show and I will contact the people...Ray Oden, 222 Winchester S, Brookline, Ma 02146 is looking for Ken Niles, the announcer...Ray Nemec, 1631 Carol S, Downers Grove, Ill 60515 is looking for any programs with Lonnie Robertson, the Haden Family and Bob and Jim Raines. These shows were on in the mid-west and Ozark country...John Olsen Jr, Box 321, Baker, Ore 97814 is looking for complete copies of LUX "War of the Worlds" and "Day the Earth Stood Still."

NEW PROGRAMS: IN MY COLLECTION: 24 new COLUMBIA WORKSHOPS from 1946; 7 new SUSPENSE; from Steve Moreno I am getting 5 COLUMBIA WORK-

ships 1942, LET'S PRETEND "Princess Moonbeam," 2 new QUITE PLEASE, 1 new MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER "Man Who Vanished," MR KEENE "Man Who Invented Death," 2 FAT MAN....NOT IN MY COLLECTION: John Olsen has 28 new LUX RADIO THEATER...Larry Spalding, 8007 Cardinal Dr, Tampa, Fla 33617 54 HEARTBEAT THEATER, 42 HERE'S TO VETERANS, 14 STARS FOR DEFENSE, Send a SASE for more information to Larry.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Starting Nov. 3rd, National Public Radio will start carrying repeats of the GOON SHOWS. Check with your local station. If you want a list of the 26 weekly shows send a SASE to Allen Rockford,, O'Connor Creative Services in Cal. is selling 5 30-minute horror shows to radio stations for the 5 days before Halloween. They are hosted by John Carradine...Ineraudio Assoc. in Hempstead. LI has many types of shows of different lengths. for stations. ...Greg Jackson, 1097 Queen Anne Pl, Los Angeles, Cal 90019 is looking for a station in his area which carries the 4 new soap operas spon-sored by Bristol Myers...

LATE MAIL AND TIBBITS: CATALOG: Neil Lane, 787 Dodge Tr, Westville, Ind 46391; reels 1680221; has many new reels of FIBBER MCGEE and is looking for every one of their broadcasts. Neil has 324 of their shows. Neil also mentioned that he sent for the material being advertised about Radio Nostalgia and he received everything including back issues. Thomas Riggs is now handling everything...Jerry Chapman is selling a listing of about 160 circulation ESCAPE PROGRAMS with dates for 25¢...Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol A, Westchester, Ill 60153 is looking for someone in the Hartford, Ct area who is taping the WTIC Golden Age of Radio Shows and wants to trade, especially Benny, QUIZ KIDS, ETHEL AND ALBERT. Don also loans reels out...O'Connor Creative Services is also offering to radio stations 104 episodes of THIS IS YOUR FBI...John Koeller, 5962 Sandra Dr, Yorba Linda, Cal 92686 is a new collector, 250 shows, especially interested in ELLERY QUEEN & SHERLOCK HOLMES...Roy Bright, 314 North 7th St, Whoming, Ill 61491 is looking for a few old radio premiums. Write if you can help.

It is now October 11th and that's it for this month. I hope this issue is a little clearer than the last. The second flyer is from Allen Rockford who is doing great things for old time radio.

Just got a call from Phil Cole in California. He hasn't heard anything from ~~Radio~~ Radio In Depth put out by the Texas Radio Historical Society. Last issue I have is March...Marion Wedin writes for the publication quite a bit and Mary Ruth handles the tape department...

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